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SUBJ: PRESIDENT BOKASSA'S VISIT TO GABON

1. FOLLOWING CLOSELY ON HEELS OF RWANDAN PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA, CAR PRESIDENT BOKASSA ARRIVED LIBREVILLE OCTOBER 1 FOR TWO-DAY VISIT TO DISCUSS BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH PRESIDENT BONGO. SIX-PAGE COMMUNIQUE THAT FOLLOWED VISIT WAS FILLED WITH FLOWERY AND MOSTLY MEANINGLESS LANGUAGE. HOWEVER, TWO PRESIDENTS DID SIGN FOUR AGREEMENTS COVERING VARIOUS FORMS OF BILATERAL COOPERATION, INCLUDING FLOW OF CAR WORKERS TO LABOR-SHORT GABON AND POSSIBLE EXCHANGE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM THE CAR FOR GABONESE PETROLEUM.

2. PRESIDENT BOKASSA STATED FLATLY THAT HE DID NOT COME TO LIBREVILLE TO DISCUSS GABON'S WITHDRAWAL FROM OCAN BUT DID MENTION THAT BONGO'S DECISION NEEDED CAREFUL STUDY SINCE LATTER HAD FREQUENTLY BEEN AHEAD OF FELLOW AFRICAN PRESIDENTS IN HIS POLITICS.

3. BOKASSA TRAVELED WITH LARGE DELEGATION WHICH INCLUDED FIVE MINISTERS AND HIS NEW CHIEF COUNSELOR, FORMER CAR PRESIDENT DACKO. HE ALSO LIVED UP TO HIS REPUTATION OF "PRESIDENT WHO COMES TO DINNER"

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BY EXTENDING HIS VISIT FROM TWO TO FOUR DAYS. STEIGMAN

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